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Dear Bebe:

The Monsanto genealogy book you sent to me is wonderful--so natural, so thorough, so fascinating. Thank you.

My hip replacement is 25 years old this month and it is a miracle operation. Soon Kim can leave her mother and find your relatives in England. I do not find them in your book.

I do not know if I sent you a copy of the Quetubah (marriage agreement) between Eliao Mendes Monsanto and Judith de Sola dated 1817 which I found in 1951 in the synagogue records in Charlotte Amalie while waiting for the hotel photographer to take a picture of a grave marker. That started my Monsanto curiosity because of the prominence of that name in St. Louis. Do you need a copy?

I am embarrassed to receive the last copy of your book but you can have more made very simply by using your original production pages (with corrections) and having them duplicated and then hole punched for a loose-leaf binder or a spiral binder. I hope you do not have to cut up a book to do this. The cover can also be copied by computer if you wish.

What are the three numbers on the bottom of each information table? I did not find an explanation, but presume your family have identification numbers or are they penitentiary numbers?

I hope your health problems are now eliminated and that you still look like the girl on page V.

As to Cuban stamps, there is a stamp auctioneer in St. Louis who is reliable and a friend of mine. If no one in your family is interested in the collection you have, you may wish to sell them. Let me know if I can help.

I see that you lived for a short time in Gila Bend, AZ. I once did coin research looking for a person in that area.

We go to Cambridge, MA next week to watch our grandson get a Ph.D degree at MIT in philosophy; then to Martha's Vineyard in July where my daughter has a home. We are now sitting watching the egrets catch fish in the sloughs of the Mississippi River where we have a weekend home near St. Louis.

Keep dancing as fast as you can,

Your serendipitous friend,

